

THE ROYAL AIR FORCE

SERVICE NOTES AND NEWS



AIR MINISTRY ANNOUNCEMENTS



MILITARY AND CIVIL: Singapores, Scapas and an Imperial Airways Calcutta off the Khedival Palace, Alexandria.

FUNERAL OF KING GEORGE V

The following message was sent by Viscount Swinton, Secretary of State for Air, to all Home Commands of the Royal Air Force, after King George's funeral:

"I have it in Command from His Majesty the King to convey to all officers and men of the Air Forces who participated in to-day's ceremonies his appreciation of the highly efficient manner in which they discharged their duties. His Majesty has further desired me to congratulate all ranks on their excellent appearance and bearing, which gave him great satisfaction.—SWINTON."

THE R.A.F. WREATH

The Royal Air Force wreath at the funeral of King George V was composed of reproductions of Flanders poppies with the R.A.F. pilot's badge set out in gold in the centre. The wreath was taken on Saturday, January 25, to Windsor by an Air Force officer. A card accompanied the wreath bearing the following inscription: "A tribute of loyalty and affection from the Royal Air Force."

CADETSHIPS FOR APPRENTICES

The Air Ministry announces:—

Ex-Aircraft Apprentices P. R. Hatfield, J. H. Lapsley, D. C. Maybury and T. Preston, from No. 1 School of Technical Training (Apprentices) Halton, and Ex-Aircraft Apprentice C. E. K. Hind, from the Electrical and Wireless School, Cranwell, have been selected for cadetships at the Royal Air Force College, Cranwell, on the result of the examinations held on completion of their three years' training as aircraft apprentices.

The "Viscount Wakefield" Scholarships, valued at £75 each, have been awarded to Flight Cadet J. B. Grant (on the result of the recent competitive examination for entry into the Royal Air Force College) and to Flight Cadet J. H. Lapsley. The "Hyde-Thomson" Memorial Prize, valued at £29, has been awarded to Flight Cadet C. E. K. Hind.

R.N. SEAPLANE BASE, PORT SAID, REUNION

The fourteenth annual reunion of the Old Comrades Association, R.N. Seaplane Base, Port Said, will be held in London on Saturday, February 15.

Particulars may be obtained from Norman M. Williams, Esq., 16, Shrewsbury Avenue, East Sheen, S.W.14.

FLYING ACCIDENT

The Air Ministry regrets to announce that Flt. Lt. Sylvanus George Connolly, Flt. Lt. Philip Vaughan Edwards, and L.A./C. Frank Campling lost their lives in an accident which occurred on January 27 to an R.A.F. aircraft near Port Sudan.

NEW PILOTS

Since May, 1935, the Air Ministry has up to January 18 accepted 760 short service pilot officers out of 4,800 genuine applications, and 205 airmen pilots out of 1,350 genuine applications.

Taking the limits of the present expansion scheme as from May, 1935, to March 31, 1937, the Air Ministry requires a total of 1,800 new pilots, of which about 25 per cent. may be airmen. As shown above, 965 of these have already been accepted.

Under the temporary arrangements of the expansion scheme the S.S. officers engage for four years on the active list and six years on the Reserve.

R.A.F. STAFF COLLEGE

The following officers have satisfactorily completed the thirteenth course (1935) at the R.A.F. Staff College and are entitled to the letters "p.s.a." after their names in the Air Force Lists of their respective services:—

ROYAL AIR FORCE

Sqn. Ldrs. S. D. Macdonald, D.F.C., T. M. Williams, M.C., D.F.C., L. F. Pendred, M.B.E., D.F.C., J. W. Turton Jones, J. N. Boothman, A.F.C.; Flt. Lts. G. P. H. Carter, E. D. Barnes, A.F.C., F. W. Long, J. D. I. Handman, D.F.C., C. J. Collingwood, D.F.C., G. Harcourt-Smith, G. H. Mills, A. D. Davies, G. E. Nicholls, A.F.C., R. H. Carter, N. A. P. Pritchett, E. S. C. Davis, A.F.C., V. Harris, W. A. D. Collingwood (Stores), H. W. Penney (Stores).

DOMINION AIR FORCES

Royal Australian Air Force

Sqn. Ldr. U. E. Ewart, and Flt. Lt. F. R. W. Scherger.

Royal Canadian Air Force

Flt. Lts. A. P. Campbell, and F. G. Wait.

Royal New Zealand Air Force

Flt. Lt. A. de T. Nevill.

The following officers of the Royal Navy, the Army, and the Indian Army, have satisfactorily completed the thirteenth course (1935) at the R.A.F. Staff College:—

ROYAL NAVY

Commanders H. F. Nalder, R.N., p.s.c., and J. R. N. Taylor, R.N., p.s.c.

ARMY

Major W. H. A. Bishop, p.s.c.

INDIAN ARMY

Capt. T. H. Angus, p.s.c.

ROYAL NAVAL STAFF COLLEGE, GREENWICH

The undermentioned officer has completed satisfactorily the course at the Royal Naval Staff College, Greenwich, which terminated in December, 1935, and is entitled to the letters "q.s." after his name in the Air Force List:—

Wing Cdr. D. Iron, O.B.E.